



CARA PROVIDING 80 YEARS of AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

June 2026 edition CARA CAPERS-Lite via our CAPERS Blog
W1JMA Content Editor

Next Program Meeting Thursday 6/11 7:30pm at Stony Hill FD

Next Club Event: Field Day June 27/28!



AMATEUR RADIO

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A NATIONAL RESOURCE



Tom K1KI, ARRL NE Director presenting to CARA members at the May meeting



CARA members and family attending the monthly pasta night at the Vespucci Lodge in Danbury



Dan N2DGT and John W1JMA were net control for the CERT activation supporting the Ridgefield Memorial Day Parade.

Presidents Message June 2026

June is here! That means the biggest Ham Radio Event of the year (Besides Dayton): ARRL Field Day! My first one was 56 years ago, and I will never forget it! CARA will be participating as usual, from the Ball Pond Fire House in New Fairfield. This "On Air Event" is from 2 PM Saturday to 4 PM Sunday. BUT a lot of work before and after goes into putting this on starting with Antenna raising, Station Setup Friday Night/ Saturday Morning,

Food, Operator scheduling, Tear Down & Clean Up. Then the paperwork, which includes filing logs, gathering extra point documentation etc. To make this a successful and more fun event, come and help in one way or another. You'll make new friends, connect with old ones, learn something, and make this easier and more successful event to be put on! Look for the sign-up sheet in your emails and attend our meeting Thursday evening the 11th at Stony Hill FD in Bethel when we will be reviewing plans for Field Day Setup. JOIN US!

CARA is looking for a CIO (Chief Information Officer) to put out occasional News Releases, Promote Field Day and club events etc. Most importantly promote our club in the community. As this is a new position, make it what you want. Let's talk about it. Contact me if interested...

June 20th at Ball Pond Fire house is a club operating event relating to the ARRL year of the club. Operators are needed. Look for further info.

-Our informal club gathering for the Spaghetti Dinner at Villa Vespucci Lodge in Danbury is 6PM on Tuesday the 16th. Bring a friend or spouse and enjoy!

-Our Weekly CARA & Elmer Net is on the CARA Repeater on Sunday evenings at 7:30. Join Us!

The Monthly Business Mtg. is on the 28th of June via Zoom. ALL are welcome as we plan for future events.

Bud W1NSK

VP Report

Welcome to Summer, a time to enjoy the great outdoors of CT. As I am writing this, it is 88 degrees and the sun is full outside. The club started our outdoor activities in April and May with our POTA events. The latest was a multi park event operating from Bennet Farm Park in Ridgefield, Lovers Leap State Park in New Milford, Putnam Park in Reading and Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield. The event was attended by many club members that made over 160 contacts during the event. If you have not joined us for one of these events, you are missing out on an exciting experience. Check the club's calendar for the next event and plan to join us.

As the 80th anniversary of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association CARA is coming up, there are several special events planned. The CARA club was organized in 1946. We will be getting more into the history of the club as we get closer to the anniversary date. The club newsletter and website will have additional information.

John W1JMA, Dave KB1ZAC, Harlan W1QH and I, John W1JGM, attended the Goshen Hamfest as vendors to help fund the club by selling the remaining inventory of donated equipment, we still have a very nice Kenwood 570S transceiver with Power supply, external speaker, desk microphone, and mobile microphones for sale. This would make a very nice first HF station at a very reasonable cost to a club member. If you are interested, please call W1JGM.

Before I close the most important event of the amateur radio year is FIELD DAY. This year's event will be again at the Ball Pond Fire

Company, on Fairfield Dr. In New Fairfield. Field Day officially operates from 2PM June 27th Saturday and operates 24 hours to 2PM on Sunday. Full Field Day rules can be found at [Field Day Rules](#) on the ARRL site. Additional Information as to set up time will be sent by the reflector and at the meeting June 11th. Look for the signup sheet to operate. This will be the highlight and premier event this month. The food is always great!

Join us at the next presentation meeting on June 11 at the Stony Hill Fire Dept. 7:00 PM. This will be a very interesting meeting.

Remember this is your club, it depends on you,

John Morelli W1JGM



**Dan, N2DGT, Operating Portable from Kennebunk Beach-
W1JMA Pix**

Antenna: Rybakov 25ft vertical with 4 radials on the wet sand

Rig: G90 20 Watts



Dan, N2DGT, activating Rachel Carson US-0343 Wells Maine-W1JMA pix

Antenna: Southern Hams Picnic Pota 20m Vertical with 4 raised radials

Rig: Icom 7300 100 Watts

140 QSO's from Germany to Alaska and states in between!

CABA May 2026 Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Bud, W1NSK, president. There was a quorum. 11 members attended via TEAMS.

The minutes of the April meeting as presented in the CAPERS-Lite Blog were accepted.

- The secretary reported that 2 hams applied for and received the Worked All CT Counties Award, administered by CARA: NI8W and N9MT.
- W1JMA reminded those in attendance that the current officers and directors are ending their first year of the new 2-year term.

The Treasurers report as presented in the CAPERS-Lite Blog was accepted.

- The treasurer reported that a CD is due in June. He will increase the amount to \$7k and roll it for 1 year. We will have a CD maturing in December and June going forward.

Committee Reports

- Steve W1SMS discussed the status of the repeaters
 - By end of June, will have 6m/440 and 220 up and running from SMS qth to satisfy CSMA requirements
 - Site search continues for a more permanent home for our repeaters. He and Bud will work on getting this process moving forward.
 - There was discussion about acquiring a new call W1QIR for the repeaters. The discussion evolved to changing the current trustee of the call W1QI from W1QK to W1SMS. The following motion was made and second: **The club shall file the necessary paperwork to change the W1QI trusteeship to W1SMS.** After discussion, the following motion was made, seconded and carried: **The trusteeship motion be tabled until the President informs current trustee of the**

pending change. The final vote for the change will be at the June business meeting.

- It was also discussed that every password and credential information relating to the W1QI call sign be stored in the “keys to the kingdom” document. Currently the POTA and QRZ information are not.
- Stephanie reported the website is functioning well. All is up to date.
- The CAPERS-Lite Blog is due on 6/4.
- The next VE session is June 6th at 11:30 Stony Hill FD
- There is no planned club POTA outing for June given the Field Day Commitment and potential event on 6/20.
- Mike, W8ZY, was not at the meeting to discuss the opportunity to operate a club activity on Saturday 6/20 from BPF. This will be discussed at the program meeting
- The June program meeting will be held at the Stony Hill FD and the topic will be Field Day Planning
- The July program meeting will be an Elmers night at the Stony Hill FD.
- Fund Raising- The Goshen Hamfest netted \$331.

Old Business

- The CARA 80th Anniversary Celebrations are as follows:
 - Dinner in **September** at the Big Eaters, members and guests to be invited. 4th Thursday of the month. More to follow.
 - A Sub/Soda gathering of areas hams to celebrate will be at Putnam Park on **Saturday 8/1**. Invites will be sent to neighboring clubs.
 - **W1JGM and N2DGT updated and finalized the process for club members to acquire an**

80th anniversary CARA Polo shirt. Ordering details on the club reflector soon.

- Field Day is June 27 and 28 at the Ball Pond FD.
 - Susie is purchasing food for the event
 - Harlan will ready the computers
 - We will use the 756p3 radios
 - At the June program meeting we will
 - Determine what antennas to use
 - The Yagi option has been closed.
 - Determine what logging software to be used

New Business

- CARA was invited to present at the NE Exp in August. After discussion it was determined that we would decline the offer. This decision will be communicated to the event organizer by W1JMA.

Announcements

- Pasta night on **6/16 at 6pm Vespucci Lodge**
- W1SMS reported that he will begin operating a 440 DMR repeater at his QTH. It has been coordinated.

The next program meeting is Thursday 6/11 at Stony Hill FD at 7:30, the next business meeting on Friday 6/26 at 7:30 on Teams.

The meeting was closed at 8:55 pm.

CARA Treasury Report
May 31, 2026

Income: Full Member Dues	\$1175
Income: Interest Income	\$ 169
Income:	
Income: Club Table at Hamfests	\$1498
Total Income:	\$2842

Expense: Field Day	\$139
Expense: Repeater Electricity	\$86
Expense: Insurance	\$305
Expense: Repeater 6m	\$530
Expense: Admin	\$116
Total Expense:	\$1176

Net Income for Period **\$1666**

Cash: Checking-Unrestricted	\$8003
Cash: Checking-Restricted	\$175
Cash: Petty	\$50
Certificates of Deposit-USB	\$13061
Field Day Food Liability	0

Total Cash/Investments **Balance:**
\$21322

Number of full members:	60
Associate members:	0
Auxiliary members:	3

CARA Club General Information

Officers

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CARA routinely accepts donations of ham radio equipment that will either sell to club members or to the ham radio community at large; Sale proceeds to benefit the operating activities and repeater infrastructure of CARA. Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank You.

CARA VE Testing Information

VE Testing at the Stony Hill Firehouse Rt 6 Bethel.

All sessions are on Saturdays at 11:30 am.

Test takers need to register in advance by emailing aj1u@arrl.net with their name, the test they wish to take, and a contact phone number.

Check the CARA website for the scheduled dates!

Thanks,

73, Jon Bernon - AJ1U

CARA Volunteer Examiner Session Coordinator

CARA Merch: Update

In July 2024, Dan - N2DGT, made a motion to allow JSC Embroidery to set up a CARA website for CARA members to purchase hats, shirts, mugs, etc. with the CARA logo at no cost to CARA.

CARA will notify the membership of this opportunity monthly via CAPERS. The motion was seconded and approved. The link to the website is below.

Dan – N2DGT

<https://www.jse-repair.com/product-category/club-apparel/candlewood-amateur-radio-association/>



ARES and Winlink General Information

CT ARES Packet Winlink Local Nodes and APRS Frequency

Put your 2M FM Winlink Packet station on the air to participate in the monthly CT ARES Winlink Wednesday message practice session.

W1SP-6	LITCCT	Litchfield	145.650	FN31JR
W1SP-7	NHAVCT	Oxford	145.630	FN31JK
W1SP-8	FAIRCT	Bridgeport	145.690	FN31JE
KX1EOC-10	FairCT	Danbury	145.030	FN31
W8ZY-10	Litchfield	New Milford	145.610	FN31 *
AC1DQ-10	Fairfield	Weston	145.050	FN31 *

Source: <https://ctares.org/data-comms-winlink-packet/>

*VARA FM and Packet Capable

Statewide Weekly ARES Net: KB1AEV/NA1RA (NARA) linked repeaters:
Sunday @ 8:00 pm

Statewide Weekly DMR Net: DMR repeaters: Sunday @ 8:30 pm

***The CT ARES Region 5 South monthly meeting
is held Monthly - currently via TEAMS.***

Send an email inquiry to Harlan Ford – W1QH, Region 5 DEC if you would like to learn more about CT ARES or be added to the distribution for CT ARES announcements and links to CT ARES meetings via TEAMS.

hford01@snet.net

Visit this website to learn more about CT ARES, <http://www.ctares.org/>

APRS Digipeaters operated by CARA Members

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W1JMA-10 Ridgefield/Redding

W1QI-4 New Fairfield

KR1COM-10 Ridgefield Center- EOC

KB1FYZ-3 West Side of Danbury

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The word "CARA" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a black outline. A yellow dashed line forms a circle that overlaps the letters, starting from the top left of the 'C' and ending at the bottom right of the 'A'.